

known as Ojaracas, can be found around Leandro in weddings, Quinceaneras, birthdays, and Christmas. Additionally, after her time with H.E.B., Ms. Gonzalez took up teaching classes on cake decorating. The annual Wilton Cake decorating convention is where she picked up many new ideas to take back to her students. She also decorates bouquets, which can be seen during All Saints Day. Currently, Ms. Gonzalez spends her days tending to her home garden, exercising, and staying healthy. Her devotion to the Catholic faith does not waiver; she attends church every week. For nearly a century, Ms. Gonzalez has dedicated her life to the community and touching the lives of her family and loved ones.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have had the time to recognize and celebrate the tremendous life of Ms. Aurelia Gonzalez and her 90th birthday celebration.

HONORING ALLISON FELTON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Allison Felton. Allison is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Allison's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Allison has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Allison can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Allison Felton for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

CONGRATULATING JOE AND SUZANNE PATERNO ON THEIR RECEIPT OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP AWARD

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, the name "Paterno" is legend across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The successes of Joe Paterno, as football coach of the Penn State Nittany Lions since 1966, compiling an astonishing 401 victories, 24 bowl game triumphs, five undefeated seasons and two national championships, are well known to even the most casual sports fans.

Not so well known, yet equally worthy of acclaim, is the generosity of Joe and Suzanne Paterno in their charitable support for educational institutions and other causes. This amazing couple, often known simply as JoePa/SuePa, has contributed over \$4 million, and raised many millions more, to depart-

ments, colleges, buildings, libraries and other causes at Penn State. Sue Paterno is recognized as a philanthropist and community leader in her own right. She has served as a champion of Penn State's library system while volunteering for Pennsylvania Special Olympics, United Way, Centre (County) Volunteers for Medicine, and a tutor for student-athletes.

No wonder the American Jewish Committee has selected Joe and Sue Paterno for its prestigious 2011 National Community Leadership Award. This nonsectarian honor will be presented to the Paternos at the AJC Philadelphia/Southern New Jersey's Award Dinner on March 15, 2011, at the Union League of Philadelphia.

The National Community Leadership Award is an excellent example of the service commitment and broad outreach of both the Paternos and the bridge-building, human rights promoting organization that created it. The American Jewish Committee honors stellar achievement in civic and community circles and in the world of philanthropy. Past recipients of AJC National Awards include Sidney Kimmel, Jones Apparel; Rupert Murdoch, News Corp.; Steven Spielberg, Dreamworks; William Clay Ford, Ford Motor Company; Terry Lundgren, Federated Department Stores; Cathie Black, New York City Schools Chancellor; Henry Kravis, Kohlberg Kravis Roberts; and Steven A. Schwarzman, The Blackstone Group, L.P., among many others.

Earlier in my career, as a state legislator, I served on the Board of Pennsylvania State University and got to know Joe Paterno. His fan club stretches from the Delaware River to the Ohio line. In Philadelphia, some of us may cheer for Temple, Penn or Villanova. Every member of this House has his or her favorite college team. But in the fields of philanthropy and community service, I urge all my colleagues to join in cheering for the JoePa/SuePa team and for their AJC National Leadership Award.

TRIBUTE TO FAITH FRAZIER

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I acknowledge the passing, on February 20, 2011, of former San Leandro City Councilmember Faith Frazier. Faith was a native of New Orleans and raised in Memphis, Tennessee before attending college at both the University of Cincinnati and Memphis State. She settled at the University of California, Santa Barbara, where she received her elementary and junior high school teaching credentials and bachelor of arts. Faith met her late husband James while attending college and they relocated to San Leandro in the mid-1950s.

Faith was a pioneer for women's rights and women in government. Shortly after moving to San Leandro she worked to bring women in the community together for purposes of educating them about local city government. She wanted to help women become a part of the government and running for elected office. Her group would eventually become known as the Civic Information and Education Group, CIEG.

Faith was a member of the Board of the San Leandro Service Center—a community-

based group for helping citizens in San Leandro in need of assistance. She was also a charter member of the first San Leandro Arts Council—which was reconstituted in 1998 and is still active today.

Faith was a member of the Library Board of Trustees and sat on this committee for almost 12 years until she won a seat on the San Leandro City Council in 1974. While serving as a member of the City Council she also served as a member of the Associated Community Action Program, serving low income residents of Alameda County for over 30 years, and the Alameda County Training and Employment Board.

Among her many other achievements she was also a Founding Member of the Bonaire Civic League and Charter Member of the San Leandro League of Women Voters, appointed Commissioner of the Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women, helped found the Southern chapter of the National Women's Political Caucus, Member of the Peralta Chapter of OWL (Older Women's League) which keeps track of legislation affecting women statewide and nationally, and she was an original founder of the Political Action Committee for Excellence, PACE, which supports women for elective office.

I feel privileged to have known Faith. I treasure the opportunity I had to work with her during her tenure as one of the City of San Leandro's Councilmembers and my relationship with her during her active career in community service as a public citizen.

I join the community of San Leandro in honoring Faith Frazier. Her presence and contributions will be felt for years to come.

HONORING PAIGE ALLEN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Paige Allen. Paige is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Paige's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Paige has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Paige can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Paige Allen for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

REDUCE UNNECESSARY SPENDING ACT OF 2011

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the "Reduce Unnecessary Spending Act of 2011" on behalf of the President.